

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1954

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi, held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, September 15, 1954; Councilmen Hughes, Mitchell, Richey, Robinson and Fuller (Mayor) present; none absent. City Manager Weller and City Attorney Mullen also present.

The minutes of the meeting of August 4, 1954, were approved as written and mailed. Minutes of the previous meeting of August 18, 1954, were held over until the next meeting pending a clarification of the recommendation of the City Engineer regarding the street widening of East Lodi Avenue at the new Safeway Store site.

COMMUNICATIONS

CVD,LCC  
MEETING Letter from the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities announcing the quarterly meeting to be held in the City of Patterson on Thursday evening, October 7, 1954.

PETITION Mr. Weller read a petition signed by thirteen owners of property  
REQUESTING abutting on North Central Avenue between Pine Street and Locust  
REMOVAL OF Street requesting that the planting strip or islands situated  
PLANTING STRIPS in Central Avenue be removed because it is impossible for the  
IN CENTRAL AVE property owners to irrigate and care for the strips. Mr. Weller added that the City Engineer estimated the cost of removing the strips including the relocation of the street lights would be \$1455.00. Councilman Richey suggested that a public hearing be held on the subject. Councilman Robinson stated that he felt the property owners should bear the expense of the removal. Mayor Fuller replied that he did not agree. He believed it to be an eyesore and its removal would be of public benefit. On the motion of Councilman Hughes the matter was set over to the next meeting to permit its discussion at an informal public hearing.

TRAILER CLUB A letter from the Lodi Trailer Club thanking the City for its cooperation in making it possible for the Club to hold its outing in Lodi Lake Park.

FESTIVAL Mr. Weller read a letter from the Lodi Grape and Wine Festival  
TRAFFIC outlining the means by which the City could cooperate in the regulation of traffic during the Festival weekend of September 17-19, 1954. Mr. Weller added that he had checked the request and found that the Chief of Police has authority to meet each part of the request. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Hughes second, the Council voted to ask the Chief of Police to cooperate in any way possible with the Festival as outlined in the request.

HISTORICAL A letter from the Lodi District Historical Society inviting  
SOCIETY the members of the City Council to its meeting to be held on September 22, 1954.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

FAIRMONT Mr. Weller reported that arrangements had been made for the  
STREET LIGHTS replacement of the glass in the street lights in the Fairmont Avenue Lighting District, but that the materials had not arrived as yet. On the motion of Councilman Richey, Mitchell second, the public hearing was continued until the next meeting of the City Council.

## REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

KNOLL SUBD.  
ALLEY

In the matter of the proposed abandonment of a portion of the alley lying between Rimby and Tamarack Avenues in the Knoll Subdivision, Mr. Weller reported he had received a letter from Mr. James N. Harrah of 601 Rimby Avenue, dated September 15, 1954, stating that the property owners abutting on the west end of the alley had been contacted by him and indicated that they neither wished the alley to be improved nor abandoned. A petition to that effect signed by five property owners was also submitted. Mr. Harrah was asked by Mayor Fuller if the property owners at the east end of the alley would still be in favor of improving the alley if they had to pay for the improvement. Mr. Harrah replied that he did not know. The Council then discussed the possibility of the City's liability over the west end of the alley in the event the east end was improved. A suggestion was made to Mr. Harrah that he could make arrangements with the individual property owners involved for rights of access in the event it is decided to abandon the west end of the alley. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Richey second, the Council voted to refer the matter to the City Attorney to work out arrangements with Mr. Harrah and the other property owners such that they will have no responsibility for the west end of the alley and the property owners could bring the east end up to standard.

STADIUM  
PUBLIC  
ADDRESS  
SYSTEM

Mr. Weller presented a request from the Recreation Commission for the purchase of a new public address system for Lodi Stadium. The old system is inadequate and the new system is also requested by Lodi Union High School. The High School has agreed to bear half of the expense. Councilman Robinson and Councilman Hughes indicated that they felt the public benefit would warrant the installation of the new equipment. Councilman Hughes then moved, Richey second, that the City Council authorize the purchase of the public address system with the understanding that the High School will pay one-half of the cost. The motion carried unanimously.

RES. #1840  
ADOPTED  
AWARD  
LEE AVENUE  
STREET LIGHTS

Mr. Weller reported that bids had been received and opened and the low bid had been submitted by the Collins Electric Company of Stockton. The low bid was in the amount of \$11,444.00. Resolution No. 1840, awarding the contract to Collins Electric Company was adopted on the motion of Councilman Richey, Robinson second.

ORD. NO.514  
INTRODUCED

AMENDS  
TRAFFIC  
ORDINANCE

The City Manager reported that a proposed ordinance had been drafted to limit the truck travel on Holly Drive and to provide for a restriction of U-turns on Hutchins Street. Said ordinance would provide for the addition of Section 72 to Ordinance No. 493 to authorize the restriction of turning movements, a substitution for Section 161 of said ordinance providing for weight limits on certain designated streets, amending Section 192 by including Holly Drive at Ham Lane as a full stop intersection, and a substitution for Section 198 of said ordinance providing for a limitation of truck travel on Holly Drive. After further discussion, Ordinance No. 514, amending Ordinance No. 493, was introduced on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Hughes second.

RES. #1841  
ADOPTED

HUTCHINS-OAK  
U-TURN

Mr. Weller then recommended the adoption of Resolution No. 1841 prohibiting U-turn to northbound traffic on Hutchins Street at the intersection with Oak Street. Mr. Weller explained that the City had received a complaint regarding the excessive amount of U-turn movements at this intersection by High School students and the matter had been investigated by the Police Department. Mr. Christenson stated from the audience that the proposal would also be helpful to the school. Resolution No. 1841 was then adopted on the motion of Councilman Richey, Hughes second.

HIGH SCHOOL PARKING Mr. Weller reported that the Chief of Police had met with the High School authorities and the property owners regarding the parking problem on California and Hutchins Streets. Although no decision has been reached, the Chief of Police reports that progress has been made. Mr. Christenson stated that the High School is giving consideration to the utilization of a portion of the athletic field for student parking.

MITCHELL APPOINTED TO PENSION BOARD The City Manager reported that Pat Coon and Tom Killelea had been re-elected as members of the Pension Board by the City employees. Two vacancies remain, one of which is the City Council member. Mayor Fuller moved the appointment of Councilman Mitchell to the Pension Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richey and passed by unanimous vote.

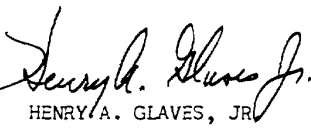
LOWE'S VILLAGE STREETS The City Manager read a memorandum from the City Engineer regarding the street work in Lowe's Village. The bond posted by the construction firm which made the installation, M.J.B. Construction Company, will expire in the near future. After an inspection of the condition of the street surface, it is estimated that \$600 will cover the cost of the necessary work to bring the streets to standard. The City Engineer reported that the M.J.B. Construction Company has requested that the City's crews make the necessary repairs. M.J.B. will pay the \$600. The City Engineer recommended that the City approve this proposal. Councilman Mitchell then moved, Richey second, that the bond of M.J.B. Construction Company be exonerated on the condition that they deposit \$600 with the City to cover the cost of repairs to the streets in Lowe's Village. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

LOADING ZONE GRANTED A request from the Morris Auto Supply Company of 112 South Main Street for a loading zone was approved on the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Hughes second.

SHRUBS S.P.CO. PARKING LOT Councilman Richey called attention to the fact that no planting had been done on the Southern Pacific Company parking lot. She urged that this matter be given consideration as soon as possible. Mayor Fuller then requested that Councilman Richey work in conjunction with the Engineering staff in selection of plants and the design of the planting area.

The meeting was then adjourned on the order of the Mayor.

ATTEST:

  
HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.  
City Clerk